



Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2003, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall – 5th floor conference room

Members Present: David McNiel, Heather Troxel, Steve Stearns, Christina Duran, Pat Watson, Jay Dyer, Wivory Brandle, Suzy Q Parker, Jacob Hernandez, Brian Percy, Carolyn Hart, Randy Akes, Jr., Cynthia Woods

Members Excused: Laura Powers, Annette Martinez-Lievanos, Nancy Hart, Dana Kruckenberg, John Arroyos

Members Unexcused: Marisol Ruiz, Manuel Carrasco, Rita Nieto, Barbara Brown, Erin House

Guests: Paul Chavez, Marie Leggette, Mary Jane Dana, Wendy Eades, Anita Blount, Susan Doss, Jesus Villicana

Staff: Eva Yakutis McNiel, Director, Office of Neighborhoods

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Randy Akes, Jr., at 6:35 p.m. Self-introduction of members and guests followed.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of October 6, 2003.

(Stearns/C. Hart/carried)

3. Neighborhood Livability Program

Mark Strain from the Legal Department gave an overview of the City's Neighborhood Livability Program being spearheaded by the legal department. Copies of the NLP team roster were distributed along with the program literature and the council report relative to the program. Questions and Answers followed. Residents shared concerns about whether this program will work given prior history with code enforcement and the lack of additional funding.

4. C.U.R.E. Program

Siobhan Foster gave an overview of the City's C.U.R.E. program, or Clean Up Riverside's Environment Program. The program includes a 2-day Foot Patrol trash clean up and a one-day bulky item drop off later this month. Questions and Answers followed.

5. Mayor's Proposal re: RNP Report Card

The following subcommittee was formed to assess what approach would be taken to complete the report card:

D. McNiel, S. Stearns, C. Duran, SQ Parker, P. Watson, C. Hart, J. Dyer

The subcommittee will be meeting November 10, 2003, 5:30 pm, 5th floor.

6. Subcommittee Reports

a. Traffic Calming

The subcommittee's meeting was cancelled because the City Council chose to ask the Parking, Trees, and Streets (PTS) Commission to work on traffic calming alternatives rather than the RNP.

Motion was made to not disband the subcommittee but to continue with the currently constituted subcommittee which will meet to develop procedures and protocol to address traffic calming issues. The subcommittee will then bring recommendations back to the full board. In addition, the subcommittee will represent the RNP at the PTS Commission and at the City Council, if necessary, AND individual members of the RNP are encouraged to appear before the PTS Commission on behalf of their neighborhoods concerning relevant issues.

(McNiel/Stearns/carried)

7. Office of Neighborhoods report

Eva Yakutis McNiel solicited volunteer from the NPA committee to assist with the presentation of awards at the awards ceremony on November 22. Randy Akes, Jr., will be assisting. She also asked which member of the JBC committee would like to present the JBC award at the ceremony, and D. McNiel volunteered. He will be assisted by Heather Troxel.

It was suggested that a motion made and carried last month regarding a letter to the City Council expressing concerns about the notification process following a sludge spill be agendaized for the next meeting. Finally, report was made as to the status of the Neighborhood Leadership Academy. Two participants, Susan Doss and Christina Duran, were present and gave their impressions of the academy. Academy participants will be awarded certificates at the December 9, 2003, City Council meeting.

8. Future Agenda Items:

December 1, 2003, meeting to include "Hazardous Waste" discussion. In addition, staff was asked to request the Housing and Community Development Department attend the December 1, 2003, meeting to report on the following:

- Overview of HUD's CDBG program
- Overview of the new 2003/2004 Citizen Participation Process
- Clarification of the RNP's role in evaluation of the 2003/2004 Citizen Participation Process as requested by the Mayor and City Council

9. Other Business/Public Comment

- Steve Stearns requests binders for RNP agendas, minutes, and handouts. Name badges will be ordered as well as name "tents" and stick on name badges for meetings.
- Mary Jane Dana reported on the success of her neighborhood event. She shared some of the literature produced for the event. It was a huge success.
- Jay Dyer inquired as to whether we could continue to meet on the 7th floor. Staff will arrange to use that room when it is available every other month.
- Wendy Eades reported that the PU Board has designated parcels as surplus and is coming to the City Council sometime soon to get approval to sell them. Residents should check with the department to make sure the location of these parcels and what impact their sale or development may have on the neighborhood.
- David McNiel asked everyone to vote tomorrow.

10. Next Meeting: December 1, 2003, 6:30pm

11. Meeting adjourned

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